

# Internet/Email Access Authorization

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The Washington School for the Deaf is offering e-mail to all students. We believe that e-mail is a motivating way to have students practice writing and communication skills. We also encourage family contact, especially for residential students. The e-mail is provided through an outside service which gives schools monitored e-mail services for students. The service is called gaggle.net. The Washington School for the Deaf used this system last year and found it to be successful.

How the service works is that the account is set up by the school and includes all words and phrases that are considered inappropriate for school. If a child uses one of these words or phrases the e-mail will go directly to the monitoring teacher. The teacher will then apply the necessary consequences. However, no system is 100% effective but informing the students that their e-mails are monitored and making continuous updates help provide the best monitoring possible.

Gaggle.net provides the e-mail to WSD students. The cost of the service is \$4.50 per user for a school year subscription.

## **STUDENT/PARENT E-MAIL ACCESS AUTHORIZATION**

I understand the Washington School for the Deaf is providing monitored e-mail services through gaggle.net. Gaggle.net provides features, which allow monitoring of student e-mail in order to ensure appropriate content.

I further understand that even with best efforts, no system is 100% effective and that some inappropriate content may bypass the filtering.

Consequences of misuse of student e-mail through gaggle.net and the Washington School for the Deaf may include temporary and/or permanent suspension of the e-mail.

I accept the consequences that the WSD may have to administer and support the school in its efforts to provide safe, appropriate and equitable e-mail to all its students.

I have discussed the e-mail system with my child.

I understand the cost for the service is \$4.50 and is non-refundable.

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**Yes, I understand the above and wish my child to have e-mail access.**

*I understand that payment in the amount of \$4.50 is due before the account will be set up.*

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**No, I do not want my child to have e-mail service at this time.**

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Student Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

## **INTERNET ACCESS AUTHORIZATION**

### ***RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS ONLY***

By signing this section, you are authorizing WSD to assign your child an internet account and password for personal use outside of the normal school hours. Internet authorization for residential students provides them with an opportunity to complete school work requiring internet research outside of school hours.

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Note: All students will have access to the internet under teacher supervision during classes that require internet research.